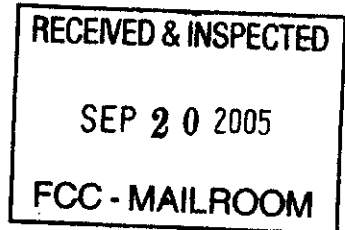


**Notice of Proposed Rule
Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235**



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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear FCC:

I would like to comment on the NPRM&O, WT Docket 05-235, regarding the FCC's proposal for amateur radio operator licenses.

I support the American Radio Relay League's (ARRL) proposal to maintain the 5 wpm Morse Code requirement for the Amateur Extra Class license. Morse Code is still a frequently used communications mode and, by virtue of its narrow bandwidth, one of the most spectrum efficient and robust modes. For this reason Morse Code is worth keeping as a requirement to demonstrate operator proficiency at the highest class license level. I would hope that whatever action FCC takes regarding Morse Code that FCC not do away with the "protected" portions of the amateur radio bands now marked for Morse Code only.

The ARRL's proposal was a well thought out document and enjoys support from a large contingent of the amateur radio community. I would hope you would give heavy consideration to ARRL's suggested action.

Thank you for listening.

73 (Best Regards)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clifford J. Appel".

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